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STOP PRESS TELEGRAMS.

THE BELFAST SITUATION.

MORE FIGHTING REPORTED.

London, July 23.
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Devlin with regard to the trouble in Belfast, which Mr. Devlin described as being due to an organised attack by Catholic workers Queen's Island, Sir Hamar Greenwood stated that there had been a good deal of looting. The military were fired on and returned the fire. About seventy persons were treated in hospital, twenty-five for gunshot wounds, from which three had died. A number of police were wounded but not seriously. The city was quiet this morning but there was further fighting during the dinner hour. Two ironworkers and a soldier were wounded. There was a considerable military force in the city, and the Commander was fully empowered to take every step to guard against an outbreak of disorder.

Mr. T. Donald and Sir Edward Carson protested against Mr. Devlin's description and declared that the trouble was due to Sinn Féin producing revolvers at a meeting of protest for the murder of Colonel Smyth.

Mr. Devlin denied that they were Sinn Féiners and asserted that the people were incited to attack Catholics.

MORE GOVERNMENT ACTION.

London, July 7.

Continuing his statement in the House of Commons on the Irish situation, Sir Hamar Greenwood said that he would ask the House to pass certain legislation as soon as possible. The Government had introduced a Criminal Injuries Bill which would enable them to intercept every grant from the Exchequer to any person or authority in Ireland who was acting illegally. The action of every council and other public authority was being examined and most drastic action would be taken to uphold the authority of the Crown. Another Bill would establish a tribunal superseding the courts which had failed to function at the recent elections owing to the absence of jurors who were intimidated by the reign of the revolver. He would also submit a Bill enabling the Lord Lieutenant to establish a tribunal to deal quickly with every criminal offence committed in Ireland. He referred to the widespread terrorism which prevented people from giving evidence in cases and the difficulties in the way of laying charges, but, under the legislation proposed, it would be possible to mete out punishment in proven cases more adequate to the crime.

The Nationalist motion to reduce the Chief Secretary's salary was rejected by 181 votes to 42.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

REGRETS OVER AMERICA'S DEFECTION.

In the House of Lords, replying to an enquiry by Lord Parmoor as to how far the Covenant of the League of Nations had become operative, Lord Curzon referred to the painful crippling which the League had sustained in the defection of the United States, its real sponsor. No effort should be spared to induce a reversal of that decision. A number of applications for admission would be placed before the assembly at the meeting in November at Geneva. He stated that great difficulty had arisen in settling the class of mandates relating to the ex-German territories in Africa and the Pacific Islands. The question which had arisen with France as regards the Cameroons and Togoland and with Japan as regards the Pacific Islands, mandates had so far not been submitted to the League because of a desire to obtain unanimity. It was hoped that would be reached shortly, after which reference would be made under the terms of the covenant. He denied that the Government was not serious regarding the League. There was no cause for disappointment or despair about its future. A career of real practical utility lay before it.

BRITISH PRISONERS AT BAKU.

London, July 23.
In the House of Commons, replying to Major Barnett regarding the evil conditions under which the British prisoners at Baku are confined, Mr. Harmsworth said the Soviet Authorities disclaimed responsibility therefor, but the Government was not prepared to accept the plea to have placed in custody a number of Russian deportees in Great Britain who will not be released until the British prisoners in Baku and all parts of Russia have been returned.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

BIG GERMAN AIRSHIP.

HANDLED OVER TO BRITAIN.

London, July 22.
The German rigid airship, L54, handed over under the Peace Treaty, has arrived in England. It is slightly larger than the R34, being 642 feet long. It has an endurance of 4,000 miles at a cruising speed of 45 miles an hour.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

PEKING BECOMING NORMAL.

Shanghai, July 24.

In accordance with the Mandate of the President, all fighting on the various fronts near Peking has ceased. The City has resumed its normal condition, and the Japanese railway guards in Yangtshun have been withdrawn.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE IRISH SITUATION.

DISCUSSION IN THE COMMONS.

London, July 22.
The situation in Ireland was discussed in the Commons on the Chief Secretary's salary.
Mr. T. P. O'Connor said that Ireland was steadily descending into an abyss of anarchy and chaos. Nobody had done more to create the extremist party than Sir Edward Carson. He suggested that it was the Ulster movement that had swayed the vacillating German mind in favour of war.

Sir Edward Carson retorted that he believed this to be an unjustified lie and proceeded to defend Ulster's determination to resist being ground down under the heels of murderous assassins. He declared that the British Government had been entirely beaten in three-quarters of Ireland, and he demanded vigorous measures against treasonable institutions which Sinn Féin was establishing.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, replying, said that 57 arrests had been made in Belfast, and more would be necessary.

NO NEWS OF GEN. LUCAS.

London, July 22.

In the House of Commons at question time, Sir Hamar Greenwood stated that it was estimated that £2,000,000 worth of property had been destroyed by Sinn Féiners in Ireland during 1919-1920, including over £1,000,000 in Munster. All possible steps were being taken to ascertain the whereabouts of General Lucas, but hitherto there had been no news.

THE "MESPOT" RISING.

PIERCE FIGHTING REPORTED.

London, July 21.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill announced that a relief column reached Rumelita on the afternoon of July 20. Serious anxiety with regard to the garrison was thus relieved. A column composed of an Infantry brigade, with artillery, advanced at dawn on July 18 and reached on the morning of the 19th four miles north-west of Rumelita, where 2,000 of the enemy are holding three lines of entrenchments, using bombs and machine-guns. They offered strong opposition and after severe and prolonged fighting our attack was successful. An enemy counter-attack after dark was beaten off. The enemy was effectively bombed and machine-gunned and suffered heavy casualties. They retired at night time. The column continued to advance on the morning of July 20 and reached Rumelita with little further resistance. Parties of the enemy are retreating hastily and are being machine-gunned from the air.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY EXPERIMENT.

PRESSMEN HEAR CONCERT WHEN 600 MILES AT SEA.

London, July 22.
Interesting experiments in wireless telephony are proceeding in connection with the voyage of the liner Victorian, conveying members of the Empire Press Conference to Canada. Continuous telephonic communication is established between the Victorian and the wireless station at Chelmsford, and a wireless concert was given from Chelmsford in the first-class lounge of the vessel when 600 miles westwards. The Victorian is also provided with morning and evening editions of a newspaper, for the first time in the history of ocean travel. It is expected that the Victorian, which left Liverpool on the night of July 20, will be in telephonic communication with St. Johns to-night.

THE RUSSO-POLISH WAR.

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE EXPLAINED.

Berlin, July 22.
Herr von Simons, speaking before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag, declared that Germany would not consent without protest to any proposal for the Entente to despatch assistance to Poland through Germany. Any Russian or Polish troops violating the German frontier would be disarmed.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS.

WANT MR. BRYAN AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

Lincoln (Nebraska), July 22.
The Prohibitionist National Convention has passed a resolution almost unanimously tendering to Mr. Bryan the Prohibitionist Party's nomination to the Presidency. Mr. Bryan, however, has already announced that he will not accept the same.

ALLIED MISSION TO POLAND.

London, July 22.

The Anglo-French Special Mission to Poland, headed by Sir...

STORM SIGNALS.

A USEFUL SUGGESTION.

A correspondent sends us the following:-
Sir.—The very interesting article in your column yesterday on the subject of Storm Signals leads me to request a little of your valuable space.

The actual value of the present Code of Signals given Signals I am not qualified to discuss, but, at the risk of being branded as an uninformed critic, I venture to suggest that the display of them at Blackhead's only is insufficient, and to propose an inexpensive means by which they could be made of much more general utility.

The signals at Blackhead's are not distinctly seen in Hongkong in even the best of weather, and in the rain squalls that frequently precede bad weather, cannot be made out at all on the island side of the harbour.

Their repetition on the mast at the Harbour Office, though probably the most desirable method, is, I fear, impracticable owing to the want of height of the mast and because they would be hardly distinguishable from their back round.

The method I suggest is that a sufficient number of the requisite flat wooden shapes (bars, triangles, crosses, tees, etc.) be made, painted white, and exhibited on the shipping news board at the G.P.O. (corner window) and in the Entrance Hall at the Harbour Office, in accordance with telephoned instructions simultaneously transmitted by the same authority which directs their display at Kowloon.

Each shape in the code being numbered, renders the message easy to transmit and, as to cost, I should say that \$100.00 should provide the two sets of signals.

Yours etc.,
E. PROPELLER.

Hongkong, July 24, 1920.

RELIEF FUND.

The following further donations to the Arab Minor Relief Fund for distressed Muslim women and children have been received:-

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Mr. M. A. Razack	5.00
Mr. Nawab Khan	3.00
Mr. A. Santra	5.00
Mr. D. Rumi...	5.00
Mrs. O. Kitchell	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Cassumbhoy	4.50
Mr. A. H. Nizam	5.00
Mrs. Juman	1.00
Mr. N. R...	3.00
Mr. W. Awang	3.00
Mr. N. M. Buz	1.25
Mr. G. C. Eade	2.00
Mr. Anon	2.10
Mr. B. E. Curram	1.00
Mr. E. T...	1.00
Mr. S. M. Moosa	2.00
Mr. S...	1.00
Mr. S. M. Sadick	2.10
Mr. N. M. Arab	2.00
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Mrs. Saiba	1.00
Mrs. O. Madar	1.00
Miss Sap See Mui	2.00
Miss Sap Yee Mui	2.00
Mrs. Abdul Gulab	1.00
Mr. A. L. Andree	1.00
Mr. Ramzan	1.10
Mrs. S. H. Curram	2.00

Total \$ 178.05
Already acknowledged... 1,647.00

Grand total \$1,825.05
Total remitted... 1,663.44

Balance in hand... \$ 161.61
NAWAB KHAN,
President,
Indian Muslim Society.

WATERED DOWN FOR THE LADY J.P.

Owing to the presence on the Bench of a lady magistrate there was a tendency on the part of witnesses at Willesden recently to water down strong language. This was a sample of evidence given by one witness. "She told him to fetch a beautiful name..."

LOCAL HOSPITALS.

A YEAR'S WORK.

From the annual report of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals we take the following:-
In the Alice Memorial Hospital there were over nine thousand out-patients and twenty thousand return visits including these returning for surgical dressings: altogether thirty thousand visits were made to the Hospital. The number of return visits of surgical was omitted in last year's report. In the Netherholt Hospital there were over four thousand new cases, and four thousand return visits, or a total of 8,676 in all. At the Ho Min Ling Hospital there were 427 out-patients for daily dressings. At the Maternity Hospital out-patients were seen to the number of 33, and 90 external cases were attended by the Government Midwife.

In the in-patient department there were 1,440 cases in all, of which 55 were in the Alice Memorial Hospital, this number being less than those treated there last year. In the Maternity Hospital also there were less patients treated during 1919.

There were 281 operations performed during the year, it will be seen from the tabular statement that these were of very varied types.

In the Maternity Hospital there were 456 cases treated. The number of vaccinations was 300 being 8 less than in the previous year.

There has been much trouble on account of food prices, the abnormal cost of rice necessarily affected us very considerably, many changes were made in our methods of dealing with the situation, but we did not increase the price to the patients, as we hoped that matters might right themselves. If high prices continue it may be necessary to make some change in this item, but as many of the patients are very poor, and cannot afford to pay even the amount we charge, we do not wish to raise the price if it can be avoided. At present rates the amount paid on food account was \$6,942.15 and the amount we received from patients was \$5,167.69, so that the loss on this account was \$1,774.46.

There have been 22 nurses in training, four of whom have finished their course and passed the examination of the Midwives Board in the Colony.

The income from donations was \$12,928.08, being a decrease on last year of \$4,353.95. The thanks of the Committee are tendered to those who generously support the Hospitals and thus enable us to carry on these institutions for the good of the sick. It would be hard to estimate the real amount of good done in the Colony in these Hospitals year by year, and we can all feel that we are doing something to alleviate suffering, and add to the joy of others, specially of the poor.

RACE RIOT IN NEWPORT.

OVER A WOMAN.

There were conflicts in the streets of Newport, Mon., recently between negroes and white men, but happily they did not assume the proportions of last year's riots.

One eye witness says that the trouble began at an Arab boarding-house, kept by a coloured man, in the dock district. Two Arabs were talking to a white woman, when three white men passed. The woman is said to have remarked to one of her companions that the white men were laughing at them.

One Arab struck at the white men with a stick. Other coloured men joined in, and a hand-to-hand scuffle began. The Arabs retired to a house, and from an upstairs window three revolver shots were fired. This cleared the street, but not given by one witness. "She told him to fetch a beautiful name..."

HONGKONG TRADE.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:-
Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—The market is unchanged. A few sales of Fancy Goods have transpired, but the general opinion is that sales will not be normal much before October. This however is dependent almost entirely on exchange. The recent reports from America indicate that the Cotton Crop will be poor, in which case Manchester prices will not decline, but will, in all probability rise again to abnormal heights. Makers to-day are offering low grade printing cloths at 10 per cent. below top rates, but makers of better cloths remain firm.

Cotton yarn.—Further substantial advances have been witnessed, especially in the higher counts but the volume of business has been curtailed by the rapid advances in value. Quotations are:- No. 10s \$300/- 245 No. 12s \$215/242 No. 16s \$230/290 No. 20s \$270/320. Arrivals 7,500 bales. Sales 4,000 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold Stock 3,000 bales. Bargains 18,000 bales.

Raw Cotton.—No business has been transacted and quotations are nominally unchanged as follows:- Indian description \$37/41 and Chinese descriptions \$41/47 per picul.

Woolens.—Still no business.

Flour market report.—Stock: About 400,000 sacks. Quotations:- American Patent, \$4.90 per sack; American Cut-off, \$3.90 per sack; American Straight, \$3.65 per sack; Shanghai Flour 2nd, \$3.20 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$4.40 per sack; Australian No. 2, \$3.80 per sack.

Metals.—Market is dull. Java Sugar.—Market continues stagnant in the absence of any demand.

400 MEN REFUSE TO QUIT.

PROPOSED CLOSING OF HOSTEL.

A deadlock has arisen over the Archery-road hostel at Etham. On the ground that the expense is no longer justified, the Government has decided to close it; but the men refuse to leave.

These buildings were run up during the war to accommodate munition workers, drawn to Woolwich, but since the Armistice first one and then another has been closed.

The Archery-road hostel shelters about 400 men, and the Ministry of Munitions has agreed notice to quit.

Electric light and hot water supply have been cut off. Absence of hot water compelled men engaged in work that makes them dirty to go to the hostel at Abbey Wood, which is offered by the Ministry as alternative accommodation.

But the men assert that this is inconveniently placed, and does not provide equally suitable accommodation. They have decided to ignore the notices to quit, and to remain in possession at Archery-road until the matter is settled or they are evicted by order of the Court.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

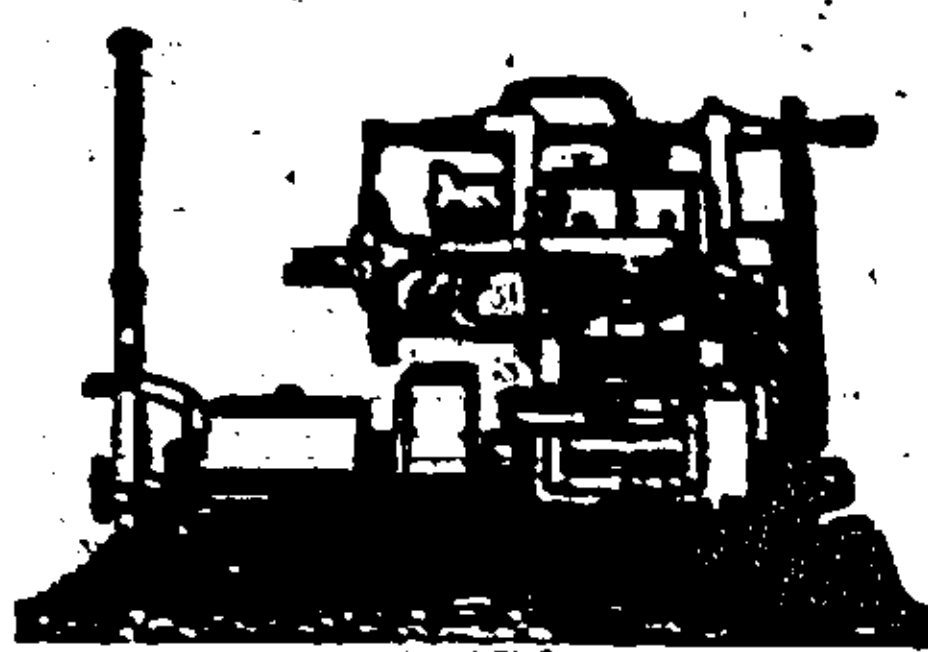
The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 3s. 9/4d.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Theatre Royal.—Loyland Hodgson Company—9.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre.—8.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Hongkong Theatre.—8.15, 9.15 and 9.45 p.m.
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CAUSE OF LOUTH DISASTER.

JURY DECIDE AGAINST CLOUDBURST THEORY.

No "cloudburst" or waterspout, but an abnormal rainfall, was the cause of the Louth disaster when 22 persons were drowned.

This was the decision arrived at by the jury at the inquest on the victims, after hearing the evidence of eye-witnesses and experts.

The enormous body of water which swept in waves through the town was estimated by one witness at 9,000,000 tons, and by another at about 29,000,000.

Startling evidence was given by a resident in a neighbouring village, who told how he noticed a huge cloud twisting about in the air, and suddenly being hurled by lightning, shortly before the occurrence in Louth itself.

TWO INCHES IN AN HOUR.

Mr. George H. Allison, borough surveyor, who said he had been 25 years in the locality, said that the rainfall at Harrington during the two and a half hours of Saturday's storm had been measured at 4.7 in., and in the more northern valley the rain gauge had registered 4.39 in.

Normally one yard wide and one foot deep, the stream there had swollen to a width of 52 yards and a height of 30 feet. These two bodies of water would meet just outside the town, causing a very sudden rush at the west-end.

The watershed in that area was 20,000 acres, and the water must have amounted to something like nine million tons, and it was safe to say seven and a half million tons had passed through the town.

There had been evidence that the flood had come in waves. In Bridge-street it attained a height of 16 ft. in a quarter of an hour.

Referring to rumours of cloudbursts and waterspouts the surveyor said waterspouts only occurred at sea, and there was no evidence of a cloudburst, whatever that might be. The rainfall of Saturday afternoon was heavier than during the whole of April.

THE WRATHING CLOUD.

Mr. John Winters, of Benniworth, told how he saw a flash of lightning pierce a heavy rain-cloud on the hills forming the war trenched.

From 2 o'clock until 3.15 it rained incessantly. Half of a neighbouring field was soon at least eight inches under water.

"I noticed a huge cloud about the shape of an egg," he said, "which was twisting round and round, and then there were three distinct flashes of lightning. One of them shot through the cloud, and immediately the cloud seemed to come earthwards."

The coroner: You did not see anything come from the cloud in the shape of water?—It was a sheer mist.

20,000,000 TONS.

Mr. Phillip Allison, deputy coroner, said he followed the course of the river, and while there was evidence of heavy rainfall there was nothing to account for the great volume which had passed through the town.

He could not find the word cloudburst in the dictionary, but whatever it might be called, there had been an intensely abnormal rainfall over a comparatively small area.

He estimated that besides the quantity of water given by the borough surveyor, there were other waters which, added to it, would amount to perhaps about nineteen or twenty million tons, which swept away the parapets of the bridges.

A Juror: Then you attribute it to the rainfall?—Absolutely. But of course it was an abnormal rainfall. This enormous rainfall was suddenly collected for a confined channel.

The coroner remarked that to his mind something in the nature of a sheet of water must have fallen from the clouds. It seemed to be something more than normal rainfall.

After the jury had returned their verdict as stated, the coroner, who is also town clerk of the town, paid tribute to the work being done by the Press to alleviate the sufferings of the victims.

TO DIRECT CAMPAIGN FROM CELL.

Berlin, July 13.—The Socialist National Committee to-day decided that Eugene V. Debs, nominee for President on the Socialist ticket, would conduct the campaign from his cell in Atlanta, Ga., unless he is pardoned. Debs is serving a term of ten years for violation of the espionage act.

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THE KING ON THE NATION IN ARMS.

Speaking at the opening of the Imperial War Museum, H.M. the King said:—

On behalf of the Queen and myself I thank you very sincerely for your loyal and dutiful Address. It gives me much pleasure to come here to-day to open this collection of material and records connected with the war—a collection which is of such deep and lasting interest. Those who conceived and carried out the scheme of this museum have earned the gratitude both of their own contemporaries and of future generations; and our hearty thanks are due to the Governments of the Allied nations and of my Dominions beyond the sea, and to all those societies and individuals who have co-operated in the work, and aided with generous contributions.

Especially I congratulate you and the members of the committee on the forethought and breadth of view which have been shown in the organisation of the museum. You have made it at once a storehouse of material for the historian and scientific student, and an inspiration for posterity.

Here the historian will find the contemporary information and documents which he requires as the foundation for his work, and the expert technical exhibits which enable him to study the development of his special art or science. But while thus fulfilling the requirements of the scientist and historian, you have also succeeded in erecting a memorial which speaks to the heart and to the imagination. It is natural to crave for human interest, and to desire to leave behind us in visible shape a record of our deeds and endurance. That craving and that desire are gratified here to-day.

In selecting your exhibits it was well not to seek mere specimens, however perfect, but to choose the very things which had played an actual part in the war and had an individual history which could be recorded and cherished.

There is yet another aspect of this museum which is perhaps unique in history—it records faithfully and impartially the efforts of all ranks in the field and of all classes at home, the private as well as the Commander, the worker in the workshop as well as the statesman in the Council chamber.

It also recognizes in concrete form that success in modern war is no longer the achievement of a few leaders or a professional class, but the result of the devoted and heroic work of millions of men and women co-operating as parts of one vast living machine. None of us can forget, and this museum will ever preserve the memory in future ages, that we owe our success under God not to the armed forces alone, but to the labours and sacrifices of soldiers and civilians, of men and women alike. It was a democratic victory, the work of a nation in arms, organized as never before for a great national struggle.

We cannot tell with what eyes future generations will regard this museum, nor what ideas it will arouse in their minds. We hope and pray that, realizing all we have done and suffered, they will look back upon war, its instruments, and its organization, as belonging to a dead past. But to us it stands, not for a group of trophies won from a beaten enemy, not for a symbol of the pride of victory, but as an emblem of a lasting memorial of common effort and common sacrifice, which, under the guidance of Divine Providence, vindicated Liberty and Right to the peoples of the world. (Cheers.)

After the King had declared the Museum open, and the event had been celebrated by a flourish of trumpets, the members of the

"TINO" SAYS HE IS GOING BACK!

"THE POWERS" PROMISE.

Ex-King Constantine, who with his aide-de-camp Colonel Levidas and suite, has turned up at Salamis for a 10 days' cure at the famous baths, expresses his intention of returning shortly to Greece and resuming his throne.

Talking with the *Globe's* Italian representative, the exiled monarch said:—

"Not only have I not abdicated, but the Powers pledged themselves to offer no kind of opposition to my return to the throne at the conclusion of the war should my people call me home."

All the news I am receiving from Greece is unanimous in affirming that the mind of the people is to-day as unchanged as when in 1917 they tried by main force to prevent my departure.

Elections of the orders of lawyers, doctors and Chambers of Commerce have given the Royalists an overwhelming majority; and when the General Election (which should have taken place a year ago) really comes about, you will see whether the people want my return or not.

"While I am awaiting it anxiously, M. Venizelos, on the contrary, is in fear and trembling preparing laws and regulations so as to be able to falsify the result."

"Do you know," queried the ex-King, "that Venizelos has granted the vote to soldiers, but on condition that they vote not secretly, but openly?"

To these remarks Constantine added that his own great object had always been to weld Greece with Rumania and Italy, in the confident belief that all three were destined to act together for a common future; and that he will continue to work for this end when he gets back to Greece.

Asked for the latest information about the relations and intentions of King Alexander and his bride (Mlle. Manos) Ex-King Constantine's travelling companion, Professor Angelo Raghianti, replied:—

"Tino has no direct news on the subject, because every sort of communication between him and his son is thwarted; but I believe he is greatly upset over the rumours current."

"It is, at any rate, quite untrue that the young lady's father (Colonel Manos) killed himself with a revolver in dramatic circumstances. The truth is that he was suddenly stricken with angina pectoris in the salon of the Hotel National at Lucerne, and, expired on the spot in the presence of several scores of witnesses."

WHITE AND COLOURED LABOUR.

"The Labour movement in Europe should aim at securing for the whole world of those who labour with their hands good health and fair conditions, not for white only, but for coloured workers too," declared the Bishop of Exeter, who presided recently at the Central Board of Missions of the Church of England, held in Church House, Westminster. Everybody, he said, was talking about the Labour question, the Labour programme, and what Labour deserved, but they seemed to have forgotten that the great body of Labour which would in future move the world must be yellow or brown labour. It seemed to him that white labour should make common cause with yellow and brown workers.

committees were presented, and then a procession was formed through the Palace, where some of the principal exhibits were inspected by the King and Queen, and the Royal party then left the building by the main entrance, the National Anthem being played by the band of the Coldstream Guards.

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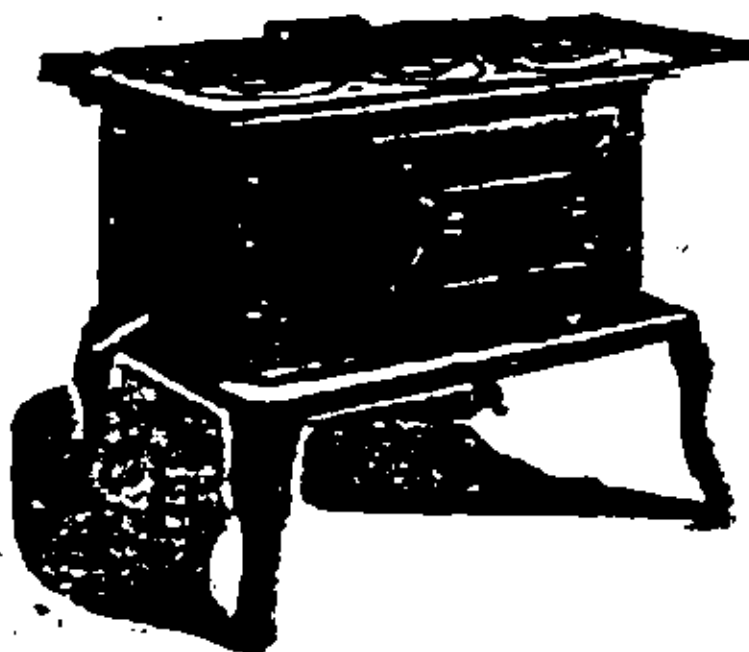
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UNIONIST PARTY AND
LABOUR.PROPAGANDA AGAINST
SOCIALISM.

Birmingham, June 9. The dominating subject of discussion at the annual conference of the National Unionist Association in Birmingham this week is likely to be Socialism and the necessity for bringing the workers of the country into closer relationship with the Unionist Party. The position of the Unionist Party in the Coalition Government is also to be debated, but half the resolutions on the agenda are concerned directly or indirectly with the spread of Socialistic doctrines, the proposals for the nationalisation of industry, political levies, and Socialistic legislation.

The report of the Council contains assertions that the objects of the Socialistic Party are entirely subversive of the existing order of society; that if the Socialists ever obtained powers the extreme men would come to the front, and much more in a similar strain.

The women delegates to the conference are as deeply concerned as the men at the menace of Socialism, as they see it, and at a crowded meeting of the women's branch of the Unionist Association this afternoon resolutions were discussed calling on the Unionist Party to organize a vigorous campaign to combat the Socialist propaganda now rife in the country, and recommending Unionist women to join their local cooperative societies and women's guilds.

The Birmingham conference is the first of its kind which the National Unionist Association has held since 1913, and it is the first to which women delegates have been admitted. Great interest is being taken in the meetings. Fifteen hundred delegates, of whom about 400 are women, have arrived, and the problem of finding hotel or private accommodation for them all has been difficult. Many, unable to secure rooms in Birmingham, are staying at Coventry, Dudley, Kidderminster, Leamington Spa, Warwick, or Wolverhampton. The principal business of the conference begins to-morrow morning, when the chair will be taken by Mr. J. C. Williams. To-day has been chiefly occupied with committee and sectional meetings, a dinner given by Sir George Younger, M.P., and Mr. William Jenkins to the Conservative and Unionist agents, and a reception of representatives by the officers and committee of the Birmingham Unionist Association.

WOMEN'S CALL TO ORGANIZE.

The most interesting of the afternoon gatherings was that of the women Unionists. Lady Edmund Talbot, who presided, appealed for greater efforts in the country and closer cooperation with the central office. Great propaganda, she said, was going on among women. The I.L.P. workers were doing all they could to set class against class, and they were getting hold of the women simply because Unionists had not enough speakers and propagandists to educate their own women and to tell them the facts as they really were. Unionist women did not work as hard as the I.L.P. women; they did not take as much trouble; and they had the greatest difficulty in getting funds. The Advisory Committee at the central office believed that the only way to create more interest was to get the wives of members of Parliament to take up their case and to set up women's Parliamentary Committees in their areas. They must realize, she added, that it was of the greatest importance to have Labour women on their

BISHOP REFLECTS A BLIND
CURATE.DR. INGRAM COMES TO
THE RESCUE.

The Bishop of Southwark has refused to sanction the appointment of a blind priest—the Rev. F. C. Nichols—to the curacy of Plumstead Parish Church.

Until recently Mr. Nichols was acting as curate at Foltham (Middlesex), his vicar being the Rev. F. J. Browell.

"For over two years Mr. Nichols acted as my curate here," said Mr. Browell to a *Daily Chronicle* representative, "and although blind this did not prevent his doing really splendid work. There are two churches to serve, and we practically took alternate duties."

"He was wonderfully popular, and was an especial favourite of the children."

"He is a man of very considerable intellect, holds excellent degrees, and was ordained by the Bishop of London in December 1917."

"After the Bishop of Southwark had declined to sanction Mr. Nichols's appointment to a curacy of Plumstead Parish Church, the Bishop of London intimated that he would find him work in other parts of the diocese."

"Mr. Nichols's view is that no Bishop should have power to forbid any priest from taking work which he has found for himself, except for reasons which render the priest unfit for the ministry. If a priest is blind, he has to take his chance of finding a vicar willing to engage him."

"By accepting the Bishop of London's offer Mr. Nichols considers that his whole position in the Church would be merely shelved."

"I hope before many weeks that I shall be able to announce that Mr. Nichols has found a curacy where his unusual talent can be utilised."

committees. (Cheers.) She was talking not only of women in the constituencies.

The Unionist Party, she declared, ought to have the views of Labour represented in its organization from top to bottom. Working women could teach them a great deal, and it was essential they should get to know what Labour wanted. They had to work together hand-in-hand for the good of the country. If they failed to do this they would be doing a great deal of harm to their cause. There was a good deal of criticism of the Coalition Government, but during the strenuous time of reconstruction they had all got to support their party in the Government. When they perpetually criticized and carped it showed that they did not know the difficulties of the Unionist leaders inside the Government. The Unionist Party had probably had more of its own way in the Coalition Government than the other party, and they had to think their leaders for having achieved this.

Mrs. Daman, of Ipswich, who moved a resolution calling for a vigorous campaign against Socialist propaganda, suggested that they should follow the example of the I.L.P. and hold Sunday afternoon and evening meetings in the parks and in halls. A delegate expressed strong objection to this proposal, and did not see why they should go out shouting and yelling on Sundays. Any such desecration of the Sabbath, she thought, would mean the downfall of the Unionist Party. This view brought from another delegate the contention that if a person fell in a ditch on Sunday it was their duty to help him out, whatever the day.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

ROMANCES ENDED BY MIXED
BATHING.COUNCILLOR ON TRAGIC
DISILLUSIONMENT.

Hundreds of women have been doomed to a life of useless celibacy through that infamous institution known as mixed bathing," declared Councillor Donald Clark, ex-chairman of the Tonbridge Town Council and an old officer of the Scots Guards, recently.

The council was debating the mixed bathing question, and by a majority of one it was decided to allow it on Sundays in the town's swimming bath.

"Marriages are needed on Imperialistic and patriotic grounds, and mixed bathing stops more weddings than any other cause," declared Mr. Clark.

"Imagine," he continued, "a young man infatuated at night by the charm of a beautiful Kentish maiden dancing as his partner at one of the Tonbridge balls, and then think of him meeting her next morning in the public swimming-bath clad in a ready-made bathing costume that vulgarised her figure, her hair bunched in a hideous cap or straggling over her eyes, making her look like a wet Scotch terrier."

"No woman, however beautiful could stand such a test."

A reporter interviewed Mr. Clark, and he seemed intensely amused and surprised at the interest aroused by his speech.

"I believe," he said, "that while the majority of those who have heard of my remarks see only the flippant humour, the rest will discern my real and serious meaning. There is no question about it, there must be more marriages, and in order to make them attractive the repellent aspect—if there be one—must be kept under."

"I am old-fashioned enough to believe that too many modern girls, in their desire to pose as athletes, lose sight of the fact that it is feminine softness and refinement that most attracts men."

"Whoever heard of a man proposing to a girl in her morning wrap and curlpapers?"

"I have been assured that a woman need not look like a wet Skye terrier when in her bathing dress, especially in those delightful creations I see in the fashion plates, but I am also informed with equal authority that they are for use on the sands and not in the water."

GENERAL NEWS.

SCOTCH LICENSEES' PROTEST.

At the annual meeting at Aberdeen of the Scottish Licensed Trade Defence Association, Mr. Thomas Anderson, Glasgow, the president, said that the trade would not have complained so much of the increased duties on spirits had they been able to pass a larger proportion of the increase on to the consumer. On the motion of Mr. D. McEneaney, Glasgow, a resolution was carried condemning the introduction of paid agents from another country in engineering a campaign to impose prohibition. Another resolution called for the dissolution of the Liquor Control Board, which, it was urged, had been set up for a temporary purpose now expired. The Control Board was urged to rescind the unfair restriction which forbids in one half of Scotland the sale for off consumption of less than a quart of spirits. It was decided to urge that the trade is being treated unfairly by the orders of the Food Controller, which it was urged, fall to give retailers an adequate return on the capital invested or for the heavy labour involved.

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No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

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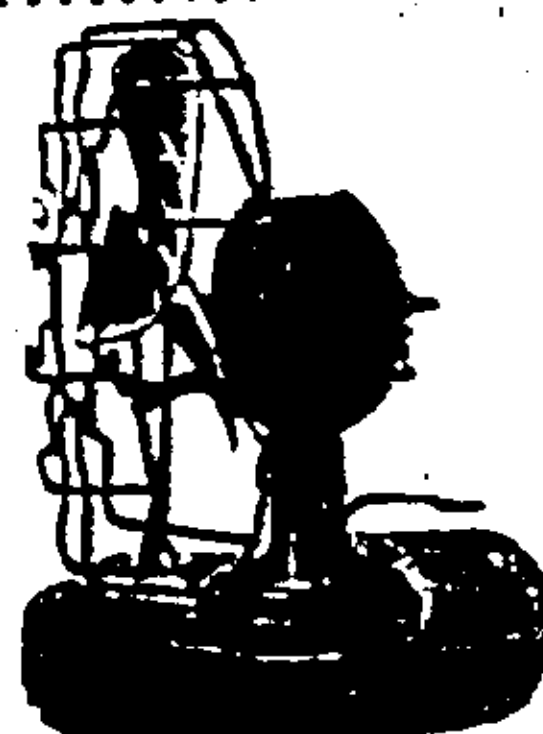
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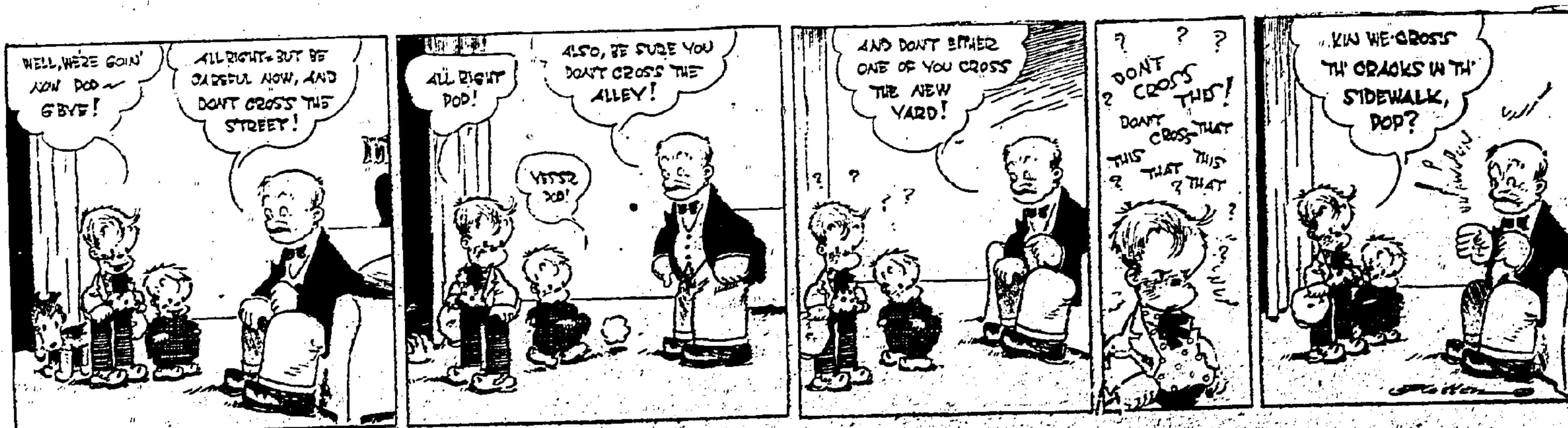
Indian Polo Association, scratch teams will not be eligible; (4) the period of play will be 6 chukkers of 12 minutes each with an interval of 5 minutes at half time; (5) the number of ponies will be limited to 9 per team—all ponies must be in possession of Indian Polo Association certificates or registration certificates; and (6) the winners will hold the cup for the period of one year. The donor hopes that it will be possible to hold the tournament annually in Delhi and that after this year the conditions will permit of it being made an open tournament. This matter will be settled between the donor and the Committee of the Indian Polo Association before the next tournament is held.

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HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT.

The announcement by the Government that Sir Charles Fitzmaurice, the noted engineer, is to come to Hongkong at the end of the present year to advise upon the development and improvement of the harbour is an indication that the Government is fully alive to the necessity of the port's keeping pace with modern demands. We have on numerous occasions dwelt upon this question, which is one of the highest importance to the business life of the Colony. It cannot be too often reiterated that shipping is Hongkong's life blood, and that nothing must be left undone to attract to this port a steady flow of shipping with which to handle the enormous bulk of merchandise for the markets of South China, upon the distribution of which the commercial prosperity of the Colony depends. We are, after all, nothing but a big clearing house for that merchandise, and unless every facility is given to vessels to discharge and load here, the status of the port is bound to decline.

It is common knowledge that the harbour needs much attention and considerable improvement if it is to accommodate the bigger vessels which are in the future likely to be engaged in Oriental trade. Some of the larger boats which come into port now occasionally "touch bottom," and it is obvious that much will need to be done to prepare for even bigger vessels. The great majority of boats coming here go to harbour moorings, and whilst it is true that these moorings have been increased in number from time to time and the arrangements for their use vastly improved, the opinion has been expressed that more and deeper anchorages will be required in the days to come. Then there is the question of the wharfing space available. Here again things have improved in consequence of the enterprise of the Wharf and Godown Company, but there are many shipping and business people who feel that in a shipping port of the size of Hongkong there should be far more wharves than we possess. We notice, by the latest Manila papers to hand, that the authorities there are about to begin on a scheme which includes the provision of two big piers, the object being to make Manila "the finest port in the Orient." It would be rather a stretch on the imagination to conceive of Manila displacing Hongkong as a distributing point in the trade of South China, but, at the same time, must not shut our eyes to what is happening elsewhere, and any marked improvement of the port of Manila might easily have an effect on Hongkong were we not to keep pace and do everything we can to meet modern requirements.

From the brief sketch which we gave of Sir Charles Fitzmaurice yesterday, it will be seen that he is a man of wide experience so far as harbour development is concerned. He will bring to bear on Hongkong's needs a wealth of skill and knowledge, and, best of all, he may be counted upon to approach the matter from a disinterested, outside standpoint. He will no doubt be impressed with the tremendous advantage which Hongkong enjoys by reason of its wonderful natural harbour, and after he has studied the needs of the port and the possibilities of improvement we may look for recommendations fully meeting the case. Incidentally, we notice that he has had a deal to do with tunnels and bridges, so perhaps he is a bridge expert, and in this connection we hope that opportunity will be taken of his visit to secure an expert report on the Colony's needs in this regard. Indeed, it would be worth while if one of our official members pressed the Government to include that subject in the terms of reference. It is a wise step to get from Home an expert to go into this matter of harbour development. We need visits from time to time to keep us up-to-date. In the realm of navigation we could very well do with some such investigation and report. The same could be said regarding other aspects of life here. What we do hope above all else is that when Sir Charles Fitzmaurice makes his final recommendations, they will be acted upon. We don't want any pigeon-holing of documents on such a question as this.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

STATUE PIER.

Just a word or two about Statue Pier—this matchless kind of structure that has so often been talked about before. We notice that workmen are busy on it just now, have taken all the offending roof off, and are busily preparing the wooden uprights and crossbars for what seems to be another roof of matting. When we saw them first at work we thought they might have been preparing the way for a really permanent and decent-looking structure, but whatever hopes we held have now been dissipated in disappointment. Isn't it nearly time the Government gave us what everybody wants? Undoubtedly Statue Square is the finest little bit of arrangement in the Colony. There is the imposing building of the Supreme Court and soon we shall be having the plot of ground next the Hongkong Club made more beautiful by the erection of the War Memorial. (We hope the word "soon" will not be taken too literally). And generally speaking the locality does and will still further deserve a better pier and shelter than that which it now possesses. If a pier is needed there—and we think it is—why could we not have a decent stone structure to harmonise a little with the surroundings of the place? Why put a matchless among carved granite? We have often thought in regard to official buildings that Blake Pier is a little inconvenient, because the ordinary public coming and goings have to be interrupted. At the moment there is no other decent pier at which distinguished visitors can land, but if we had a pier opposite the statues and in keeping with them, what an ideal place it would make. And a very much better impression of the Colony visitors would have, too. But a rickety wooden pier and a wind-combed matchless all frayed out—ugh! Would it cost so very much to make a better one that we never can have it?

A PRINCIPLE.

Mr. Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons, in which he reviewed the work of the Spa Conference, was decidedly important and interesting. We liked the tone of his references to Germany for he revealed a sympathetic attitude that should do much towards bringing about a better understanding and the very much needed final settlement. We have contended all through that Germany has to be given a chance to do what is being asked of her, and it seems that Mr. Lloyd George recognises that too. On the all-important matter of reparations we hope that Germany will be treated in a vein consistent with the Premier's latest speech. But in his references to Poland, Mr. Lloyd George made a statement that leads us to think he is a little inconsistent on principles. He was referring to the Soviet's demand that it was only prepared to discuss the matter of peace with a proletarian Government of Poland and on that he commented:—"The Soviet was not entitled to dictate to Poland what sort of a Government it should have." Quite so, we agree. But are the Allies any more entitled to dictate to Russia what sort of a Government she should have? It might be said that they haven't done so, but they have refused to recognise the Soviet Government just because it is a Soviet Government. Britain has not been quite so strong on this point as have other of the Allies—especially France—but there is considerable inconsistency even in Mr. Lloyd George's attitude. We don't think the Soviet Government is a good one, but by Mr. Lloyd George's own standard we have to take it as it is. It is a Government that is actively administering affairs and whether we like it's composition or not should be no bar to our recognition of it or dealings with it. That seems a reasonable attitude.

PROGRESSING.

In face of all the contentions and disputes arising over the settlement of the problems of peace, we are apt to forget just how far it is we have progressed since the armistice. Mr. Lloyd George gave the public at Home a gentle reminder in the closing sentences of his speech in the Commons, by comparing the present position with two years ago, when, almost to the very day, the Kaiser started from Spa, after sending a message that his next

DAY BY DAY.

DO NOT INFLECT ON AN ENEMY EVERY INJURY IN YOUR POWER. FOR HE MAY AFTERWARDS BECOME YOUR FRIEND.—*Proverb.*

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

It is now notified that the Empress of Asia is due at daylight on Sunday.

Mr. Li Tung has been authorised to be an auditor under the Companies Ordinance.

The name of Mr. L. J. Morley, of the Pharmacy, has been added to the Register of Chemists and Druggists.

Lot No. 762, comprising foreshore and sea bed at Cheung Chau, is to be leased. The area is 2,000 square feet the upset price \$20 and the annual Crown rent \$5.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. N. B. T. Mackintosh, M.A., to be a Member of the Board of Education vice Professor G. W. Ferguson, M.A., resigned.

As will be seen by our advertisement on Page 4 the Leyland Hodgson Company will not be playing until Monday evening, owing to the s.s. Devanha being delayed by bad weather.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following as Medical Officers in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps:—George Duncan Ralph Black, Major (Medical); Eric Smart Taylor, Captain (Medical); James Thornton Smalley, Lieutenant (Medical).

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 9 a.m. to-day:—

Typhoon in about 115 Long. 21 Lat. direction unknown.

Typhoon in about 131 Long. 15 Lat. moving W. N. W.

Typhoon S. W. of Bonin Islands, moving N. W. or N. N. W.

The following was received in Hongkong at 11 a.m. this morning:—

Typhoon 118 deg. Long. E and 22 deg. Lat. N. recurring North-eastward.

KONGMOON UNREST.

REBELS DISAPPEAR.

A West River correspondent informs us that on Wednesday morning 300 soldiers landed from a gunboat at Kongmoon amid a deluge of rain and were at once divided into patrols of 30 and placed on the top of each hill and around the city and at other points d'apui. This caused the revolutionaries to conclude that the least line of resistance was not to be found here.

The railway wharf, built in American style with a godown built over it, also had its posse of soldiers and still has. The revolutionaries are now probably in some of the distant mulberry fields with their war maps open, studying where that least line of resistance is. With a \$10,000 cunshaw in view, the soldiers keep a good watch for them.

stop would be Versailles. Reuter says the Premier made an "eloquent" comparison, but if we stop to think for a moment or two our thoughts know all the eloquence that is needed. Things are still far from what they should be, but the trend is all in the right direction. Ideas as to the way to proceed may differ, but the goal is the same for us all. Given patience and exerting our own small influence we shall come to better days—days in which we can look back to these as being thankfully over. It ever must be so.

SHIPPING NOTES.

(BY "NEPTUNE")

With trade so bad at present it cannot but be expected that the freight market would be dull. Freight brokers are experiencing very bad times. There are no sales of vessels as money is tight, and very few fixtures or charters are being made. There is practically no demand for vessels on charter (time) and the only fixture that is reported is that of a medium-sized "outsider" for three months on the Saigon-Philippines run. Beyond this the Philippines business has been nil. A fixture is also reported for the carriage of cattle between Pheumeph and Manila. The ruling rate for Saigon-Hongkong has not influenced any business, and until owners of vessels can see their way to accept lower rates nothing is likely to transpire. For local colliers there is nothing to record, the present rate being about \$2.75 a ton. The Japan-Hongkong market is dead, the rate offered being some five yen a ton, which is below owners' ideas. For the Swatow and Saigon to Hongkong run there has been a fixture of a 36,000 picul boat, an outsider, for the sum of \$17,000.

The *Delphin* and *Guild Gazette* has been taking up the question of Hongkong pilotage, and although it had discussed it in the March number of that magazine, the subject is not being allowed to drop at the mere suggestion of the Colonial Office that pilotage is unnecessary, and in any case an unprofitable occupation for a white man in this Colony. The *Guild*, in replying to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, expressed the opinion that the difficulty arising, so far as European pilots were concerned, in not being able to make a living on account of the small fees which are paid, could very well be put right without inflicting any hardship upon the local shipping interests. In the opinion of the *Guild*, however, estimable Chinese pilots may be in any skilled operation of this kind, if there is room for a Chinaman to make a living it should be a matter of principle with the local authorities that "British captains and officers, of whom a great many are at present out of employment, should be offered sufficient inducement to take up this work."

I was glad to see that the *Guild* did not decry the Chinese pilots' capabilities, because these have been freely acknowledged. Most of these Chinese pilots are quite smart at handling steam vessels, have good local knowledge, and they are very patient and careful and seldom take risks. They are slow, but sure, and seldom have accidents of any kind occurred, so that there is a great deal to be said in their favour.

Captain Philip Going, of the motor steamer *Kong Ning*, has been telling the people at Home the disastrous results that followed the suggestion of the acting Harbour Master of Hongkong in 1905, to have white pilots. Prior to 1905 piloting in Hongkong was carried on by Chinese compradores or ship chandlers, who held no licences, as there were then no licences issued, but these Chinese had carried on the business for years and years, handing it on from father to son and so on—quite a family concern, so to speak. Occasionally some white man would chip in, only to find it impossible to carry on in opposition to the Chinese. Now these ship chandlers were well-known to, and employed by, the shipping houses in Hongkong, and it was a proved fact that in those days John Chinaman was employed by Europeans as a real good, capable and trustworthy fellow. So the shipping houses gave their orders and their letters for the captains and ships' companies to these Chinese, and the matter of pilotage was included in the ship's business transactions, so that the shipping clerks of the various offices relied entirely on the Chinese compradores and their staff on all matters, including the pilotage. This simplified the books for the shipping clerks, in that almost all the items were in connection with their particular ship chandler who did everything for the ship—stevedoring, marketing, pilotage, painting, etc. But in 1905 the Harbour Master in Hongkong decided to introduce white pilotage, and several river boat men applied, and sat for an

1895.

HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEAR'S AGO.

(Compiled from the Hongkong Telegraph files for week ending July 31st, 1895.)

THE DOLLAR.

July 25th.—The rate of the Dollar, on demand, to-day is 2s. 1-5/8d.

HONGKONG SHANGHAI BANK PROFITS.

July 25th.—From the report of the Court of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank we learn that the net profits for the half year ended 30th ultimo, including \$129,665.61 brought forward, and after making the usual deductions, amount to \$1,763,802.38; the sum of \$500,000 is to be transferred from Profit and Loss Account to credit of the Reserve Fund, which Fund will then stand at \$5,500,000, £1 5s. per share is to be paid as a dividend, and \$497,140.72 to be carried to new Profit and Loss Account.

A TYPHOON.

July 29th.—It's an awfully ill wind that blows no one some good, and this adage has been brought to mind by the fact that the present typhoon carried in its wake any amount of much-needed rain, which fell here in torrents, filling our reservoirs and giving our city the best cleaning it has had for upwards of twelve months, thus bringing to a close a very trying season and the longest drought in the recollection of most of our oldest residents.

PRISON INCIDENT.

July 30th.—A Chinese convict attempted this morning to give "leg-bail" to his warders by running through the tunnel which connects the old goal with the great annex in course of construction. Three shots fired at this man did not strike him, and he was ultimately collared by one of the guards, and later on flogged.

THE TAMAR.

July 31st.—The British troopship *Tamar* brought a long and successful career to an end when she made fast to her buoy in the Harbour at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The *Tamar* has been sent out here to take the place of the *Victor Emmanuel* which has been receiving ship here for upwards of a quarter of a century.

examination. Ten of these men were accepted and given a licence for twelve months. Shortly after, the Assistant Harbour Master arrived from home—his name was Mr. Edward Jones—he saw what had been done and what kind of men had become pilots. He informed the Harbour Master that these British pilots were unfit for the work, so they were fired out, and the Chinese admitted to an examination and given licences.

The list of United States Shipping Board vessels consigned to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company is being swelled gradually, and in consequence, the local staff is being augmented. The Company found their previous premises inadequate to house the whole staff, and although the offices have since been removed to the Hongkong Hotel Mansions they are still taxed for space. It is now announced that two more United States Shipping Board vessels will be delivered to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company in September and November. These steamers will ply between Puget Sound and Shanghai, calling at Yokohama and Manila.

The Philippines Government has set its heart upon improving the port of Manila by means of the construction of a number of new piers. Work on improving two piers has already commenced, and when it is completed, there will be enough space to accommodate four vessels of the size of the *Empress of Asia*. Another plan for the improvement of the harbour of Manila is the construction of an island off the mouth of the Pasig river and outside of the breakwater, which will be utilised for the storage of oil for vessels burning oil that call at Manila. The Philippines Government's intention is to make Manila "the finest port in the East," and therefore Hongkong will have to look to her laurels.

The H.M.T. *Huntegreen*, formerly the *Norddeutscher Lloyd*

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

A clergyman was in the habit of going up to his little girl's bedside each evening and telling her a story before she went to sleep. One evening he told her such a thrilling tale that the child, sitting up in bed, looked very straight at her father and asked—"Daddy, is that a true story, or are you preaching?"

A friendly emulation has arisen between Plymouth and Southampton as to the Mayflower's port of departure. The mayor of the latter place writes to assure us that Southampton has established its claim to the first honour. Setting sail from that port on August 15, 1620, the Pilgrim Fathers called at Dartmouth and Plymouth, where the ship was delayed by accidents. It was Southampton which was chosen as the port of departure, and thereafter the preparations were made for the voyage. Celebrations are due to begin at Southampton on July 24 and at Plymouth in September.

An experiment that will be watched with considerable interest is one that is about to be tried in South Derbyshire. A new church is to be built at Swadincote for the congregation of St. Edward's Newhall, and the men of the district have determined to dig their own foundations, thereby saving a matter of £300. Three shifts a day of two hours each have been arranged for the purpose, and while they are at work the men will place themselves under the orders of the foreman builder. A start has already been made and to facilitate the issuing of certificates, in lieu of pay, a timesheet will be kept.

The Crystal Palace, where the King recently opened the Victory Exhibition played an important part in the rise of Krupp's. The two-ton ingot of cast steel show by Alfred Krupp at the 1851 Exhibition brought the works at Essen so many orders that in the following year they had to be considerably enlarged. Krupp's Sovereign, Frederick William IV., regarded the exhibition with anything but a favourable eye, and at first refused to allow his brother to be present at the opening ceremony. The King thought that contact with Engling institutions might breed dangerous opinions in such of his subjects as were induced to visit it.

If there is anything in the condemnation of mixed bathing by Mr. Donald Clark, the councillor of Tonbridge, there will be a dull time at the seaside resorts this summer. Mr. Clark says that mixed bathing has doomed hundreds of possible brides to lives of useless celibacy, because prospective wooers have seen them bedraggled and changed their minds about proposing to love and cherish a mixed bath. Just imagine the scene at Seaville if this warning is taken to heart. It is 11 o'clock of a bright, sunny morning. The promenade has been swept clear of its masculine holiday-makers. All the blinds of the apartment windows have been drawn, and at a sign from the mayor the Town Hall gun is fired to denote that the way is clear for the girls to go down to bathe!

steamer *Derfflinger*, which recently embarked in Hongkong a number of troops, their families, and repatriated officers and men, has been the subject of discussion in the House of Commons, where Mr. Houston asked the Parliamentary Secretary to the Shipping Controller whether it was not true that the arrangements in connection with the embarkation of the passengers was deplorable. Colonel Wilson said he had not previously heard that complaints had been made as to the character of the accommodation provided on this vessel. He had gone very carefully into the question, and was satisfied that though owing to extreme pressure for passenger accommodation to the Far East it was not possible to give precisely the same character of accommodation as under normal conditions, every effort was made by the officers of the Ministry of Shipping and War Office to secure that the ship should be in every respect fit for the carriage of passengers.

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A GREAT SUCCESS.

One of the most successful fetes within the memory of the Victoria Recreation Club officials from the viewpoint of the numbers of contestants and spectators has to be recorded for that popular institution when they last night gave what is to be the first of a series of similar functions for the present season.

The fete was conspicuous for the large number of feminine contestants, and for the strong batch of swimmers from the various warships and the garrison entered for the Services Team Races. The number of contestants for the Boys' Two Lengths Handicap also showed a distinct improvement over last year's corresponding event and the officials of the Club who saw their efforts culminating with such happy results deserve every thanks for their promotion of what was a very enjoyable evening for everybody.

The handicapping, in the main, was fair, but in one or two

events, as for example in the Two Lengths Handicap for Girls, which was strongly supported, the penalties might have been modified. When twenty-five seconds are given away, as in the case of Miss Rosebud Young, a race over the two lengths does not become an easy proposition.

In the water polo match which was the last event, an easy victory was brought off by Mr. R.C. Wittell's team against that captained by Mr. J.R. Johnstone. The scores were six in the former's favour as against the solitary one recorded by the weaker team.

The prizes to the winners were distributed in the gymnasium by the President of the Club, Mr. R.E. Bellios, who alluded to the record attendance and number of contestants which marked a most successful fete. He expressed the hope that the next fete would have the same success, and in this connection made special mention of the efforts of Miss Windebank who was mainly responsible for the very large number of lady contestants which had made the arrangement of the mixed team race possible of achievement. Similar fetes were

NAVAL MYSTERY.

BODY STILL NOT RECOVERED.

With regard to the reported death of Warrant Officer Holmes, R.N., a correspondent informs us that Mr. Holmes entered the Dockyard from town at about 12.15 a.m., and not from the Naval Dockyard Club, this institution being inside the Dockyard and closing at 11 p.m. He then proceeded to the tug St. Monaca, his purpose being at present unknown. The supposed tragedy did not pass unnoticed, for the Indian constable who heard a splash in the water immediately gave the alarm and everything possible was at once done by the Police and the officers of the St. Monaca, besides which, before an hour had elapsed the locality was thoroughly searched by men from H.M.S. Tamar.

Up to the present, the body has not been recovered.

to be held next month and in September, and in conclusion returned thanks to the ladies whose presence both in the sports and on the stands contributed to the success of the evening.

The customary cheers marked the conclusion of the function.

The results were:—
Two lengths handicap (members): 1. E. W. Railton; 2. A. B. Telbo.

Two lengths handicap (girls): 1. Miss Doris Wittell; 2. Miss Prickett.

Two lengths handicap: 1. F. Suzana; 2. F. Pereira.

Four lengths mixed team race: 1. Miss Ruby Young's team (D. Laing and R. Tatam); 2. Miss Wheeler's team (E. W. Railton and J. R. Johnstone).

Services Team race: 1. R. G. A. (2); 2. H. M. S. Tamar.

Two lengths handicap (ladies): 1. Miss D. Windebank; 2. Miss R. Young.

High dive: 1. D. Laing; 2. G. C. Jorge.

NOTICES.

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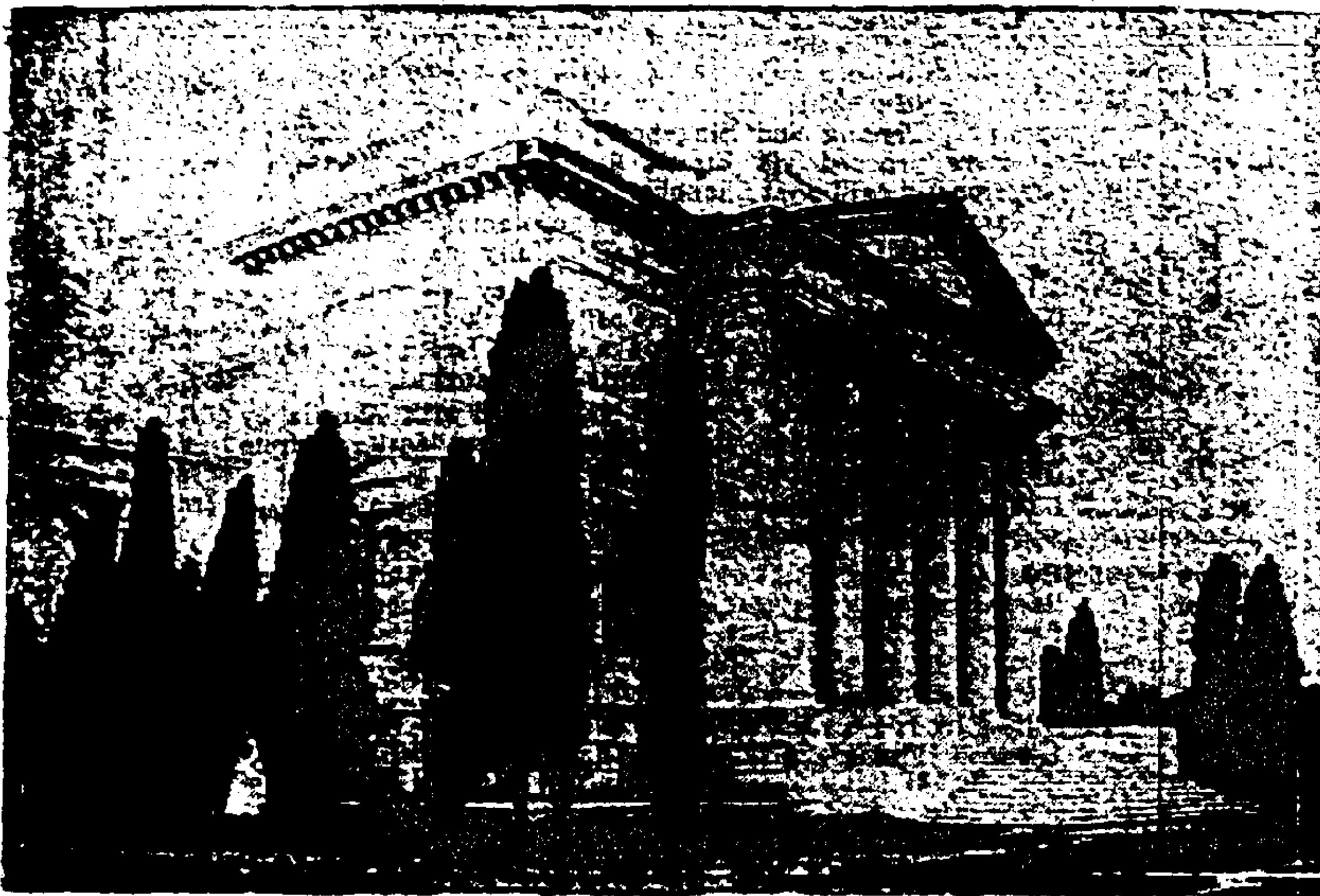
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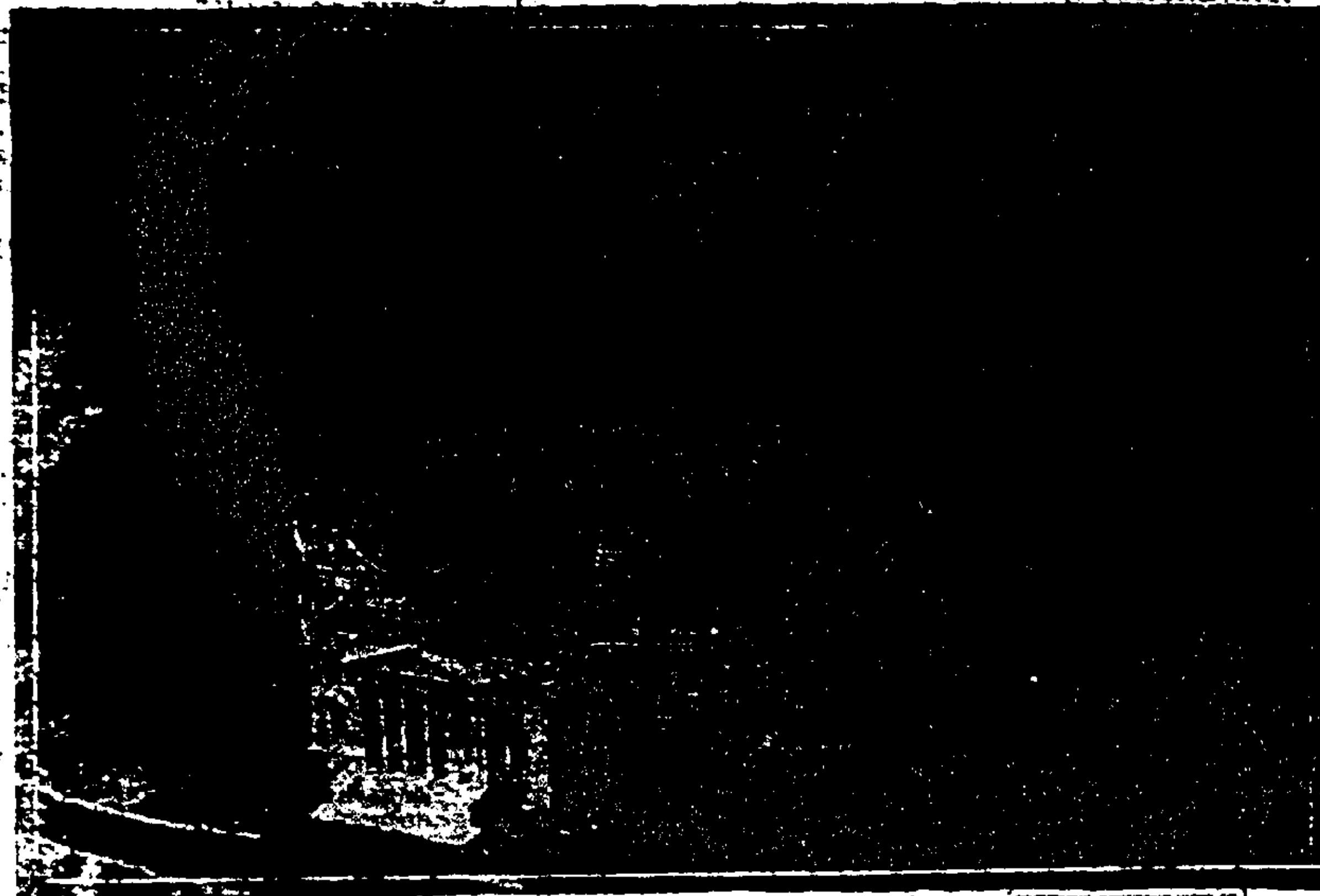
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TO-DAY'S PICTURES.



WAR MEMORIAL.

Entrance to the Arlington memorial to American soldiers and sailors who fell in the war.



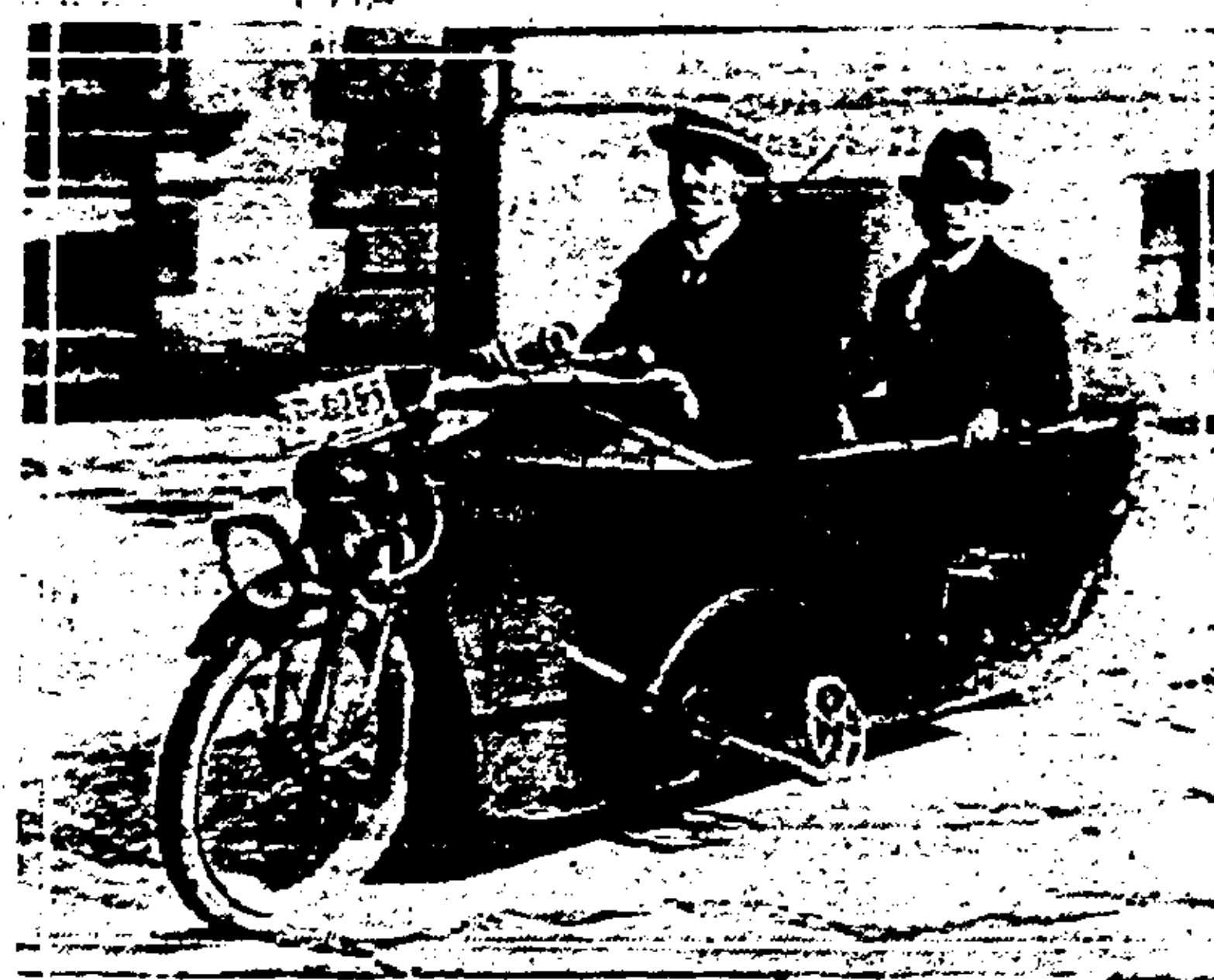
MEMORIAL AMPHITHEATRE.

Here is a bird's eye view of the amphitheatre memorial building erected in Arlington National Cemetery.



EX-KAISER'S GOODS SOLD.

Above are some of the ex-Kaiser's household effects, which have recently been auctioned in New York.



A NOVEL TAXI.

This little motorcycle-automobile is being used as a taxi in Berlin. Note wheels on side of car to register the mileage for taxi service.



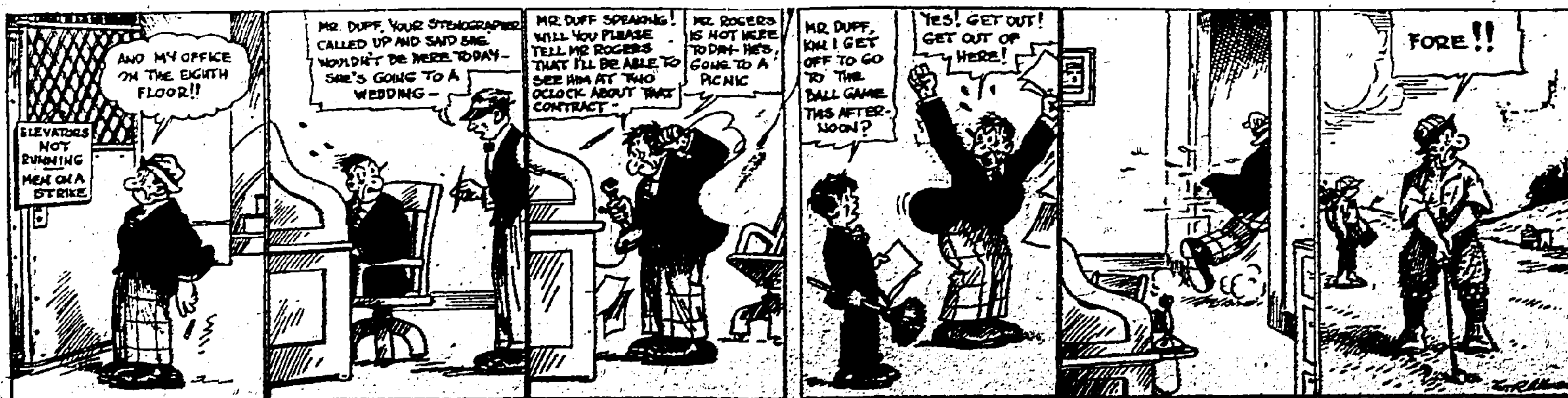
A CITY OF TENTS

Until permanent quarters can be obtained for them, evicted tenants in Newark, N. J., are now residing in tents. The Government furnished 200 heavy waterproof army tents for the purpose, each big enough for three or four persons, and the city of Newark appropriated \$25,000 to house the unfortunates.

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PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT.



Photo: *Mrs. Cheong.*

Wedding of Mr. H. S. Hurley and Miss Minnie Goldenberg—
the bride and bridegroom.

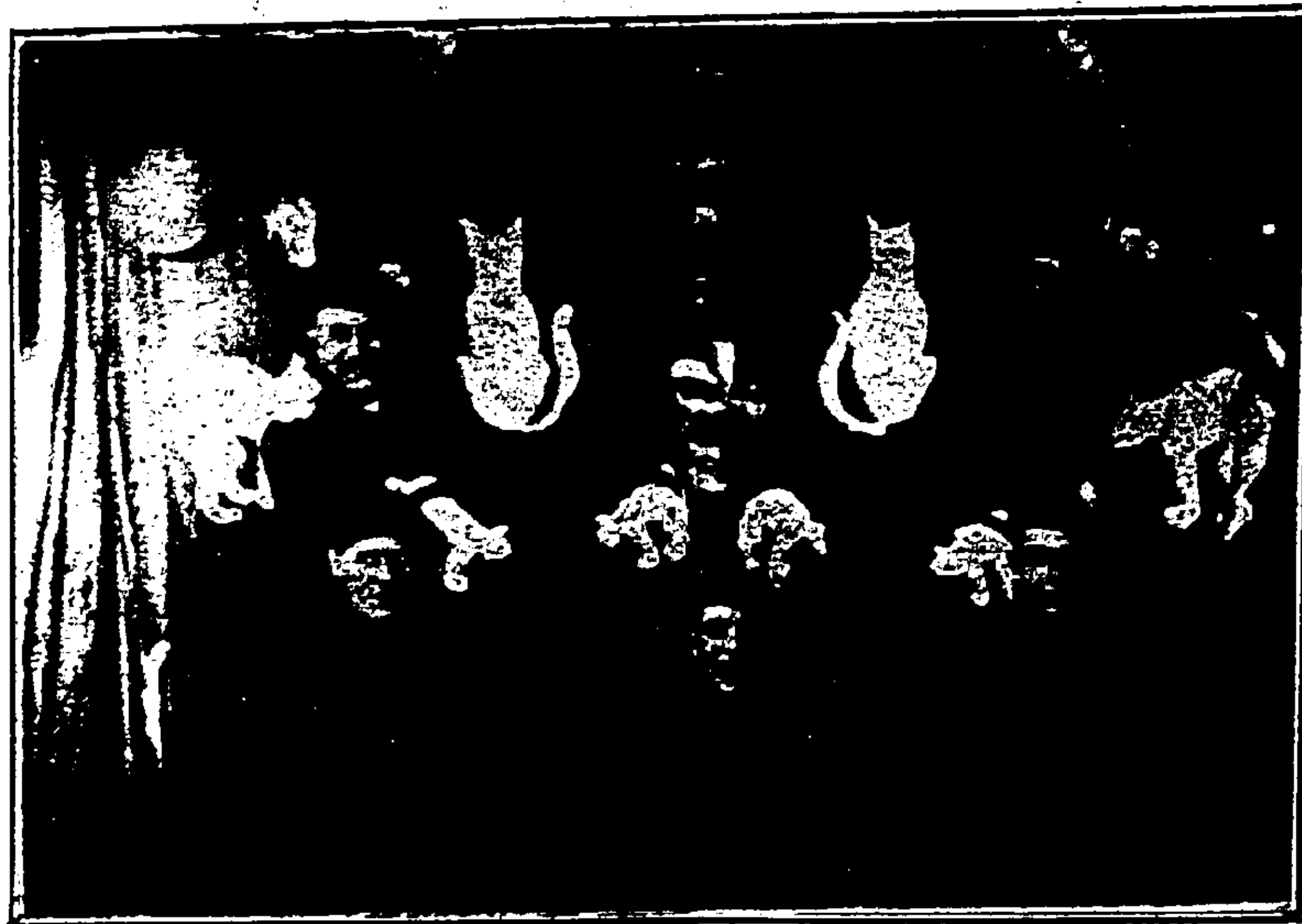


Photo: *Mrs. Cheong.*

Group taken at the wedding of Mr. T. C. Nixon, of Shanghai, and
Miss Dora Dodwell, which took place at the Peak Church,
Hongkong, July 14th.



"Lena," one of "The Black Cats."



Some of "The Black Cats," who made their first appearance in the Colony
at the K.C.C. open-air concert on Saturday last.



The Rev. C. R. Duppy,
Bishop-designate of
Victoria, Hongkong.



Photo: *Tientsin Press.*

The King's Birthday celebration at Tientsin.



Photo: *Tientsin Press.*

Funeral of a Chinese constable of the French Municipal Police,
who was shot in broad daylight whilst on duty recently.

